

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

a primary game including a plurality of reels having and a plurality of symbols, ~~on~~  
~~the reels, and each of said reels including a plurality of said symbols wherein at least~~  
~~one of said symbols including is~~ a modifier activator symbol;

a plurality of different modifiers, ~~wherein each~~ one of the modifiers corresponding  
to ~~modifier is adapted to be associated with a~~ plurality of activations of the reels; and

~~a processor operable to~~

at least one display device;

at least one processor; and

at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions, which when  
executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate  
with the at least one display device to:

- (a) ~~cause activate~~ the reels to ~~activate~~ and display at least one of said symbols;
- (b) ~~provide a player any award based on the~~ at least one displayed symbols;
- (c) ~~determine whether at least one of the modifier activator symbols is~~  
displayed on the reels;
- (d) ~~select the modifier corresponding to the determined one of the~~  
~~plurality of modifiers if said modifier activator symbol is displayed,~~
- (e) ~~reactivate the reels one or more times; activate the selected~~  
~~modifier for each of a plurality of subsequent activations of the reels~~  
~~that are associated with the selected modifier, and~~
- (f) ~~apply the selected activated modifier to modify at least one function~~  
~~of the primary game for each~~ one of the reactivations subsequent

~~activations of the reels; and that are associated with the activated modifier, wherein the modified function of the primary game is based on the activated modifier.~~

(g) provide any award based, at least in part, on the selected modifier.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein a plurality of said symbols are modifier activator symbols.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 1, ~~wherein the~~ instructions including a plurality of instructions executable to cause the at least one processor ~~is operable to select one of the plurality of modifiers if a plurality of modifier activator symbols are displayed.~~

Claim 4 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 1, the instructions including a plurality of instructions executable to cause the at least one processor to select more than one modifier. ~~wherein more than one modifier may be activated for at least one subsequent activations of the reels.~~

Claim 5 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 1, ~~wherein the~~ instructions including a plurality of instructions executable to cause the at least one processor ~~is operable to apply a plurality of~~ selected ~~activated modifiers to modify a plurality of functions of the primary game, wherein each activated modifier is applied for each of the subsequent activations of the reels that are associated with said activated modifier.~~

Claim 6 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 1, which includes an active modifier counter associated with each of the modifiers, ~~wherein said active modifier counter~~ being ~~is operable to indicate any currently~~ selected ~~activated modifier and a the plurality of remaining subsequent activations of the reels that the modifier will be~~ selected, activated.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 1, ~~wherein the instructions including a plurality of instructions executable to cause the at least one said processor is operable to~~ select one of the plurality of modifiers if said modifier activator symbol is displayed and no modifiers are currently activated.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 1, which includes a modifier generator displayed to the player that includes said plurality of modifiers.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 8, ~~wherein the instructions including a plurality of instructions executable to cause the at least one said processor is to operate operable~~ with the modifier generator to select at least one of the plurality of modifiers.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 8, wherein said modifier generator selects at least one modifier for each activation of the reels if no modifiers are currently activated.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 9, wherein said selected modifier is activated if said modifier activator symbol is displayed.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 8, wherein said modifier generator selects at least one modifier for each activation of the reels.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 1414, ~~wherein said modifier generator being configured to spin if the at least one modifier is not displayed on the reels, selected modifier is activated if said modifier activator symbol is displayed.~~

Claim 14 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 8, wherein said modifier generator includes a modifier reel.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 1, ~~wherein the~~  
instructions including a plurality of instructions executable to cause the at least one  
~~processor is operable to enable the player to select at least one of the modifiers.~~

Claim 16 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein each  
modifier is associated with the same plurality of subsequent activations of the reels.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein a  
plurality of said modifiers are each associated with a different pluralities of subsequent  
activations of the reels.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

a primary wagering game including a plurality of reels having and a plurality of symbols on said reels, wherein at least one of said symbols being is a modifier activator symbol; and each of said reels includes a plurality of said symbols;

a plurality of different modifiers, wherein each one of the modifiers modifier corresponding to is associated with at least one subsequent activation of the reels, and at least one modifier corresponding to is associated with a plurality of subsequent activation of the reels; and

at least one display device;

at least one processor;

a triggering event associated with said primary wagering game; wherein after the occurrence of said triggering event,

at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions, which when executed by the at least one processor after the triggering event occurs, cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device to:

- (a) activate said plurality of reels to indicate at least one symbol;
- (b) provide any award based on the at least one symbol symbols indicated on the reels; ~~is provided to the player,~~
- (c) determine whether the modifier activator is indicated on the reels;
- (d) select one of the plurality of modifiers ~~is selected~~ after the modifier activator is indicated on the reels; if the modifier activator symbol is indicated on the reels,
- (e) reactivate the plurality of reels to indicate at least one symbol; the selected modifier is activated for the each of the subsequent activation of the reels that are associated with the selected modifier
- (e) apply and the selected activated modifier is applied to modify at least one function of the primary wagering game for each of the reactivated subsequent activation of the reels; and that are associated with the activated modifier, wherein the modified function is based on the activated modifier.

(f) provide any award based, at least in part, on the selected modifier.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 18, wherein the triggering event is the player making a wager on the primary wagering game.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

a primary wagering game operable upon a wager by a player, said primary wagering game including symbols, at least one symbol including at least one modifier activator symbol;

a plurality of ~~different~~ modifiers, each one of the modifiers corresponding to ~~modifier associated with~~ at least one subsequent play of the primary wagering game, at least one of the modifiers ~~modifier-associated with~~ a plurality of subsequent plays of the primary wagering game; ~~and each modifier adapted to modify at least one function of the primary wagering game;~~

a display device; ~~and~~

at least one processor; and

at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions, which when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate with the display device to:

~~a processor operable with the display device to~~

(a) enable the player to play the primary wagering game;

(b) display at least one of the symbols;

(c) determine whether the at least one modifier activator is displayed;

(d) select the modifier corresponding to the displayed modifier  
activator; one of the plurality of modifiers if the player obtains at  
least one modifier activator in the primary wagering game;

(e) activate the selected modifier for at least one of the subsequent  
plays of the primary wagering game; that are associated with the  
selected modifier and

- (f) operate the enable the player to play at least one subsequent play of the primary wagering game;
- (g) wherein apply the selected modifier activated modify is applied to the primary wagering game for the at least one each of the subsequent play plays of the primary wagering game; and associated with the activated modifier wherein the activated modifier modifies the function of the primary wagering game associated with the activated modifier.
- (h) provide any award based, at least in part, on the selected modifier.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 20, wherein a plurality of said symbols are modifier activator symbols.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 20, ~~wherein the~~ instructions including a plurality of instructions executable to cause the at least one processor is operable to select one of the plurality of modifiers if a plurality of modifier activator symbols are displayed.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 20, the instructions including a plurality of instructions executable to cause the processor to select more than one modifier. ~~wherein more than one modifier may be activated for at least one subsequent play of the primary wagering game.~~

Claim 24 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 20, ~~wherein the~~ instructions including a plurality of instructions executable to cause the at least one processor is operable to apply a plurality of selected ~~activated~~ modifiers to modifier a plurality of functions of the primary wagering game, ~~wherein each activated modifier is applied for each of the subsequent plays of the primary wagering game that are associated with said activated modifier.~~

Claim 25 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 20, which includes an active modifier counter associated with each of the modifiers, ~~wherein said active modifier counter~~ being is operable to indicate any currently selected activated modifier and ~~a the~~ plurality of remaining subsequent plays of the primary wagering game that the modifier will be selected.activated.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 20, ~~wherein the~~ instructions including instructions executable to cause the at least one said processor is ~~operable~~ to select one of the plurality of modifiers if said modifier activator symbol is displayed and no modifiers are currently activated.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 20, which includes a modifier generator displayed to the player that includes said plurality of modifiers.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 27, ~~wherein the~~ instructions including a plurality of instructions executable to cause the at least one said processor to operate ~~is operable~~ with the modifier generator to select at least one of the plurality of modifiers.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 27, wherein said modifier generator selects at least one modifier for each play of the primary wagering game if no modifiers are currently activated.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 29, wherein said selected modifier is activated if said modifier activator symbol is displayed.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 27, wherein said modifier generator selects at least one modifier for each play of the primary wagering game.



Claim 32 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 27~~34~~, ~~wherein said~~  
modifier generator being configured to spin if the at least one modifier is not displayed  
on the reels~~selected modifier is activated if said modifier activator symbol is displayed.~~

Claim 33 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 27, wherein said  
modifier generator includes a modifier reel.

Claim 34 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 20, ~~wherein the~~  
instructions including a plurality of instructions executable to cause the at least one  
~~processor is operable to enable the player to select at least one of the modifiers.~~

Claim 35 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 20, wherein each  
modifier is associated with the same plurality of subsequent plays of the primary  
wagering game.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The gaming device of claim 20, wherein a  
plurality of said modifiers are each associated with a different pluralities of subsequent  
plays of the primary wagering game.

Claim 37 (currently amended): A gaming system comprising:  
at least one display device;  
at least one input device;  
at least one processor; and  
at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions, which when  
executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate  
with the at least one display device and the at least one input device to:

- (a) receive an input based on a wager;
- (b) operate a first play of a primary game, the primary game having a  
plurality of reels, the reels having a plurality of symbols, the  
symbols having at least one modifier symbol;
- (c) generate a plurality of the symbols;
- (d) activate a modifier generator in response to the modifier symbol  
being generated, the modifier generator having a plurality of  
modifiers;
- (e) generate at least one of the modifiers based on the activation of the  
modifier generator;
- (f) operate a second play of the primary game;
- (g) modify at least one function of the second play based on the  
generated modifier; and
- (h) provide any award based, at least in part, on the generated  
modifier.

~~A gaming device comprising:~~  
~~a primary wagering game operable upon a wager by a player, said primary~~  
~~wagering game including at least one modifier activator;~~  
~~a plurality of different modifiers, wherein each modifier is associated with at least~~  
~~one subsequent play of the primary wagering game, at least one modifier is associated~~  
~~with a plurality of subsequent plays of the primary wagering game and each modifier is~~  
~~adapted to modify at least one function of the primary wagering game; and~~

~~a triggering event in said primary wagering game, wherein after the occurrence of said triggering event one of the plurality of modifiers is selected if the player obtains at least one modifier activator in the primary wagering game, the selected modifier is activated for the plurality of subsequent plays of the primary wagering game that are associated with the selected modifier and the player is enabled to play at least one subsequent primary wagering game, wherein the function of the primary wagering game that said activated modifier is associated with is modified for the plurality of subsequent plays of the primary wagering game that the modifier is activated.~~

Claim 38 (previously presented): A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

(a) displaying a plurality of reels, wherein each of said reels includes a plurality of symbols including, ~~and at least one of said symbols is~~ a modifier activator symbol;

(b) activating said plurality of reels;

(c) providing a player any award based on the symbols displayed on the reels after said activation;

(d) selecting at least one of a plurality of different modifiers after ~~if~~ said modifier activator symbol is displayed on said reels, wherein each of said modifiers is associated with a quantity of at least one subsequent activations ~~activation~~ of the reels, the quantity being at least one; ~~and at least one of said modifiers is associated with a plurality of subsequent activations of the reels;~~

~~(e) activating said selected modifier for the plurality of subsequent activations of the reels that said selected modifier is associated with if said modifier activator symbol is displayed on said active payline; and~~

~~(f) repeating steps (b) to (c) at least the quantity of times once, wherein at least one function of the reels is modified based on the selected any active modifier; and~~

~~(f) providing the player any award based on, at least in part, the selected modifier.~~

Claim 39 (previously presented): The method of claim 38, wherein a plurality of said symbols are modifier activator symbols.

Claim 40 (currently amended): The method of claim 38, which includes indicating any modifier that is currently selected ~~activated~~ and the plurality of remaining subsequent activations of the reels that the modifier will be selected ~~activated~~.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The method of claim 38, which includes enabling the player to select at least one of said modifiers.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The method of claim 38, wherein each modifier is associated with the same plurality of subsequent activations of the reels.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The method of claim 38, wherein a plurality of said modifiers are each associated with a different plurality of subsequent activations of the reels.

Claim 44 (currently amended): The method of claim 38, wherein more than one modifier is ~~modifiers may be~~ activated for at least one subsequent activation of the reels.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The method of claim 38, which is provided to the player through a data network.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The method of claim 45, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 47 (currently amended): A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

(a) enabling a player to play a primary wagering game, wherein said primary game includes at least one modifier activator;

(b) determining whether the modified activator is generated;

(c) selecting at least one of a plurality of different modifiers after if the player obtains at least one of said modifier activator symbols in the primary wagering game, wherein each of said modifiers is associated with a quantity of at least one subsequent play of the primary wagering game; ~~and at least one modifier is associated with a plurality of subsequent plays of the primary wagering game;~~

~~(e) activating said selected modifier for the plurality of subsequent plays of the primary wagering game that said selected modifier is associated with if the player obtains said modifier activator in the primary wagering game; and~~

(d) repeating steps (a) to (b) at least the quantity of times once, wherein at least one function of the primary wagering game is modified based on the selected ~~any active~~ modifier; and.

(e) providing any award based, at least in part, on the selected modifier.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The method of claim 47, wherein at least one of the plurality of modifiers is selected if the player obtains at least one modifier activator in one of the subsequent plays of the primary wagering game.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The method of claim 47, which includes the step of indicating any modifier that is currently activated and the plurality of remaining subsequent plays of the primary wagering game that the modifier will be activated.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The method of claim 47, wherein the player is enabled to select at least one of the modifiers.

Claim 51 (previously presented): The method of claim 47, wherein each modifier is associated with the same plurality of subsequent plays of the primary wagering game.

Claim 52 (previously presented): The method of claim 47, wherein a plurality of said modifiers are each associated with a different plurality of subsequent plays of the primary wagering game.

Claim 53 (previously presented): The method of claim 47, which is provided to the player through a data network.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The method of claim 53, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 55 (new): The gaming system of claim 37, the at least one function including at least one primary game outcome.

Claim 56 (new): The gaming system of claim 37, the at least one function including at least one primary game award.